

**WHAT YOU CAN DO THIS
YEAR TO GET YOUR
CAREER OFF TO A FLYING
START**

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PLAN

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DO I HAVE TO DO AN IY?

For most people, no

- If you're registered for a scheme with an IY (H622, G600, GH7P, G501, G451, G401, GG47, H603, G403, G405, G601), but decide not to take one, you can change
- If you're registered for a scheme without an IY, but decide to take one, you can change too.

But BEng, MEng and Comp Sci with a foreign language students have no choice if they want to stay on their scheme.

WHY DO AN IY?

You'll be much more employable when you graduate

Money!

- £16K+ average this year
- Maximum I've seen is over £30K
- Minimum around £12.5K

Find out what you would *actually* like to do as a graduate

May get a job with your IY employer

MORE REASONS

Students who do an IY tend to get a better degree than they otherwise would have done

- Increased motivation
- New perspective on your studies

Change from study

- Makes final year easier?

Great experience

- Maybe abroad?

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Write a good CV (use CS18010 CV as a starting point);
remember the advice you got last year

- It's the most recent thing employers have to go on, academically

Come to Gregynog and take on board what you learn!

Apply!

- From *now* on
- The big companies have a long recruitment process

FINDING JOBS

Watch email

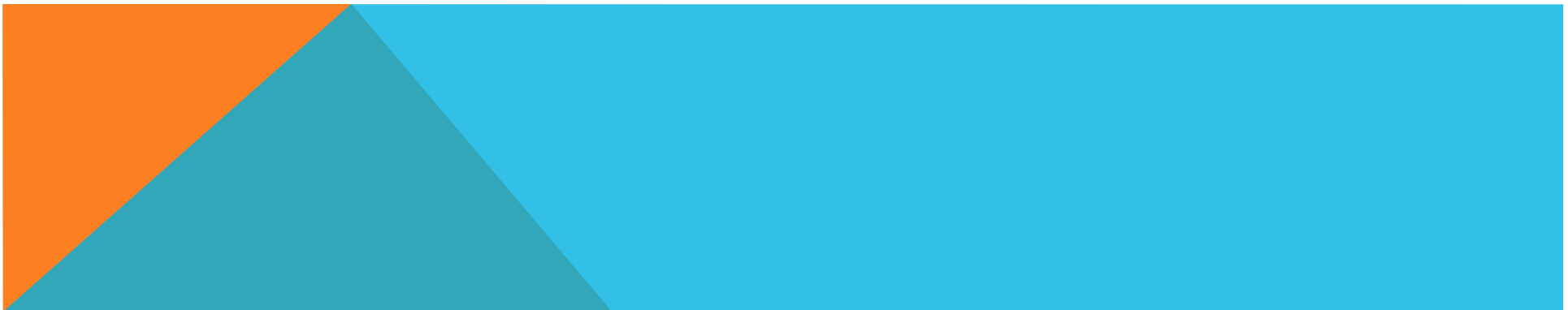
- We will send information throughout the year when opportunities appear

Follow

- <http://yourfuture.dcs.aber.ac.uk>
- You must be on campus or the vpn

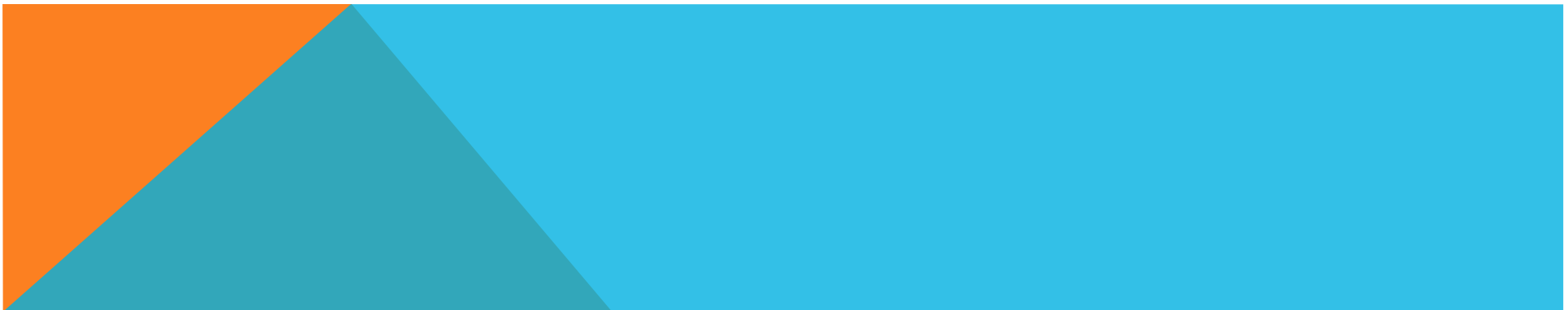
Make use of the careers service

- <http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/careers/>
- If you are not having success, they are experts who can help you.



FINDING JOBS

- Remember to consider
 - Covering letters
 - CV emphasis
 - *Carefully* fill in applications forms if required
 - Be especially careful with online forms
- Most employers will pay (reasonable) travel expenses
 - Ask them if you are concerned – keep all receipts
 - Make sure to catch up if you have to miss a lecture...
- Interviews and assessments vary greatly – be prepared
 - Find out about the company (history, business, size...)
- Consider ERASMUS if you are going abroad
<http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/international/study-abroad/erasmus/>



DIY

On spec applications can work!

Personal contacts, home (local businesses), family

Fancy working abroad? We'll try to help, but if you have contacts that will be useful

In any case, please keep us informed of applications you've made, and tell us when you've found a job.

Email cs-iy-admin@aber.ac.uk

WE WILL HELP YOU ...

BUT IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

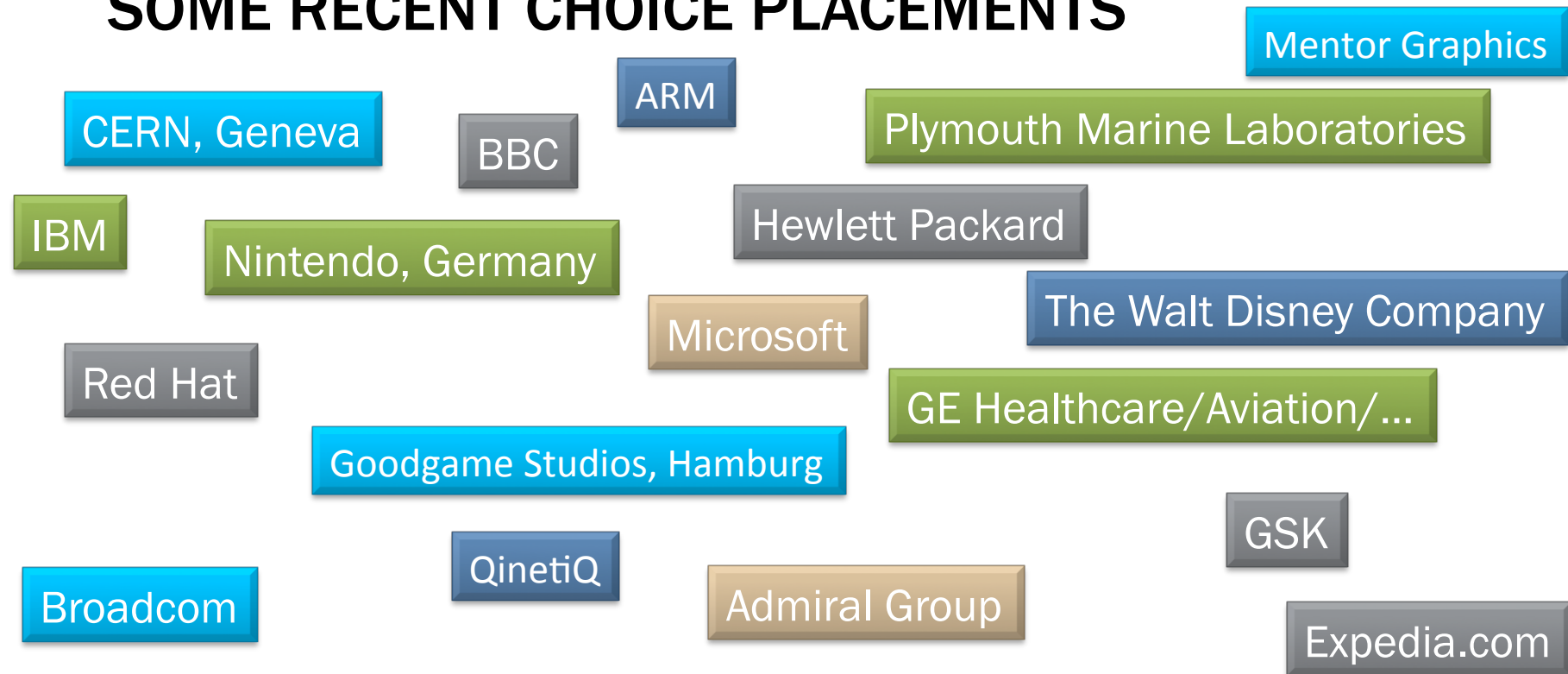
Myfanwy Cowdy (cs-iy-admin@aber.ac.uk) takes care of the administration

- She will help you make applications etc
- She maintains a list online of available jobs (your futures)
- You can discuss your CV and what kind of job you are looking for with her

You are responsible for actually making applications!

- No applications means no job!!
- Some of the best jobs are earlier in the year, so don't leave it. Doing nothing until April is a very risky strategy!

SOME RECENT CHOICE PLACEMENTS



Plus numerous excellent small employers

Ceredigion County Council

Gloversure, Welshpool

Information Services

National Library of Wales

GREGYNOG 6/7TH NOVEMBER

For students who are on a scheme with an IY

Real employers will be there to

- Give you mock interviews
- Give you feedback on your CVs
- Possibly to talent-spot

Bev Herring (careers) and others will also be there with many tips and hints on getting the job you want

Employers will tell you what they expect



GREGYNOG

Cost to you £30 (subsidied by the dept.)

You need to sign up **now** and provide an application (by 30th Oct) for a job in response to an advert I will put on the IY website.

- Pay online at <https://shop.aber.ac.uk>
- Do this *now* – FCFS – I need the numbers by the 9th Oct.

Bev Herring from Careers will be available in the CS Foyer area before the CVs are due

Tuesday 20th Oct (1pm - 3pm)

Monday 26th Oct (1pm - 3pm)

Wednesday 28th Oct (11pm - 1pm)



STUDENT STATUS

If you're on a scheme with an IY, you will officially be a student for the year

- We will visit UK based students (likely twice)
- You will have access to university facilities (Email, student records, etc.)
- You will pay tuition fees at a lower rate (£700 this year)
- But you don't have to pay council tax
- You are assessed by a report you write, and by your employer
 - Usually this helps your degree – and for most counts around 5% of your final degree mark

NON-STUDENT STATUS ('SANDWICH' YEAR)

For those doing a minor or joint in another subject (not languages), we will still help

- But you can't expect the same level of support
- We will visit if we can, but it's not guaranteed
- You won't have access to Aber systems/email etc
- You will have to pay council tax
- But you won't owe us anything for the year

AVOIDING THE REDUCED TUITION FEE

If you decide not to register for an IY scheme, to avoid the tuition fee, please don't expect support from us

This support costs us money, and we couldn't afford to run the scheme if we didn't charge anything for it

You won't get any credits for the year

For a very few of you, there might be reasons for doing this, however

WILL I FIND A JOB?

Almost certainly. Unless...

- Your first year marks are poor
- You have a bad, messy, unconvincing or dull CV
- For some reason, you just never learn good interview technique
- You don't bother applying (and that means keeping at it!)

Persistence pays off – but come and talk to us if you keep on getting rejected at the same point in the process...

WHAT TO DO NEXT

If you need to change your scheme – see ltt or phs; it's easy

If you want to discuss, [talk to me or Myfanwy](#)

- Myfanwy will keep you notified by email as some of the better, or more prestigious, jobs come in.

The IY web pages have information and links you will need at some point this year or next

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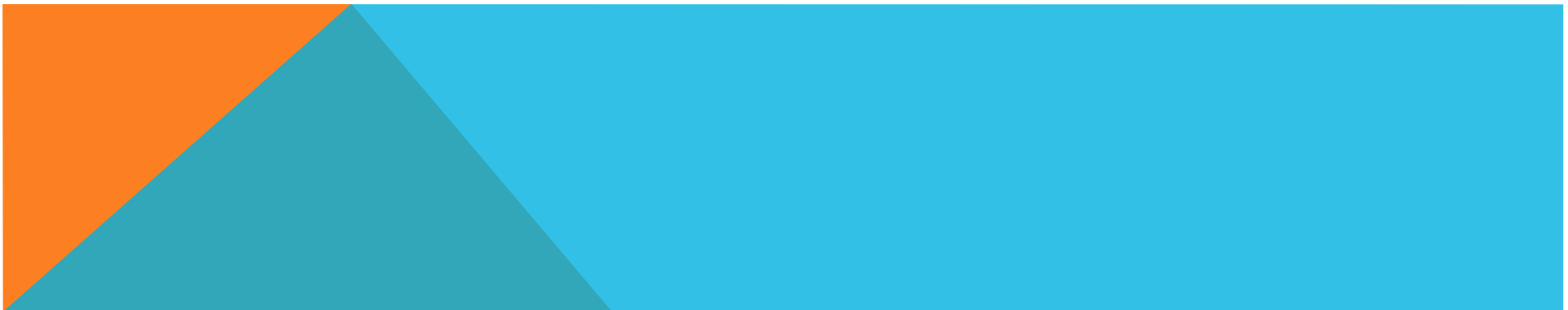
KEEP US INFORMED

When you make an application **email cs-iy-admin**

When you accept an offer please tell us :

- Employer name and address
- Name of line manager/supervisor and email (if known)
- Start and end date of placement
- Salary (for our stats)

Think carefully. Once you accept an offer and the company has confirmed then it is bad for everyone if you change your mind...



QUESTIONS?

My contact details (Industrial Year Coordinator)

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More information at:

[http://www.aber.ac.uk/~dcswww/Dept/Teaching/
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Any questions right now?

FAQ

Question: I'm just wondering about my year in industry and if there are any benefits of actually doing the official iy scheme compared to just taking a yes year.

As this year would cost me ~£800 to stay attached to uni and I can't really see any positive reason to stay attached for the year. Just a visit and access to its services.

Answer: The fees for the year cover quite a few things - in fact, they probably don't come near to covering all our expenses associated with the year. This includes things like Gregynog for the second years (which we heavily subsidise), at least one visit for the year, and a second if needed, a lot of administration time, marking of the report for the assessment at the end, as well as the central administration that's involved in keeping you registered as a student. We have an extremely successful IY scheme, and we can't run it without money.

If you decide to temporarily withdraw for the year, you won't be a registered student. You won't have an automatic right to any university facilities such as email, or a tutor in case of need of help, you will be liable for the council tax wherever you're living (this can often justify staying registered as a student on its own), if you have problems with your employer, you'll have to sort it out on your own, and your final degree will not show that you did an integrated industrial year - which will lessen its value.

I hope that helps you make your decision!

